

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CINDY YOUNKIN**, on March 14, 2003 at 3:22 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Cindy Younkin, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Jim Peterson, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)  
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)  
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)  
Rep. Christopher Harris (D)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Michael Lange (R)  
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)  
Rep. Brad Newman (D)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Scott Sales (R)  
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Larry Mitchell, Legislative Branch

**Video-taped Committee:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 137, 3/7/2003; SB 130, 3/7/2003  
Executive Action: SB 137, BE CONCURRED IN, 18-0  
SB 146, BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED,  
18-0

**HEARING ON SB 137**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

0:00 SEN. DEPRATU, SD 40 -- Short Title: Procedure for  
commercial leasing of state trust land.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

07:00 Bud Clinch, Department of Natural Resources and  
Conservation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

23:00

**Closing by Sponsor:**

37:00

**HEARING ON SB 130**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

37:00 SEN. MCGEE, SD 11 -- Short Title: Revise laws on  
recreational use of trust land.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

47:00 Bud Clinch, Department of Natural Resources and  
Conservation

59:00 Linda McCullough, Office of Public Instruction

**EXHIBIT (nah54a01)**

1:03:00 Chris Smith, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

**EXHIBIT (nah54a02)**

1:05:00 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

1:07:00

**Closing by Sponsor:**

1:31:00

**EXHIBIT** (nah54a03)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 130**

**Discussion:**

1:36:00 No action taken.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 130**

**Motion/Vote:** REP. MAEDJE moved that SB 137 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 146**

**Motion:** REP. LAMBERT moved that SB 146 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. PETERSON moved that SB 146 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT** (nah54a04)

**Motion:** REP. LAMBERT moved that SB 146 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

**Motion:** REP. MAEDJE moved that SB 146 BE AMENDED TO CHANGE ONE MEGAWATT TO FIVE MEGAWATTS. REP. MAEDJE withdrew his amendment.

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. CHAIRMAN YOUNKIN ruled that THE BILL BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:32 P.M.

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REP. CINDY YOUNKIN, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (nah54aad)**